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Executive Profile

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Peter Eckes, PhD, President of BASF Bioscience Research, has over 25 years of experience in the chemical industry. He leads BASF's global competence center for life sciences headquartered in Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina. In this role, he drives innovative sustainable solutions for agricultural, food and industrial applications for a better life and improved environment.

Peter completed his PhD in organic chemistry in 1990 at the University of Frankfurt, Germany, and pursued his postdoctoral studies at the chemistry department of Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He joined BASF in Ludwigshafen, Germany, in 1992 and was named Assistant to the Chief Technology Officer in 1994.

In 1997, Peter joined the BASF Chemical Intermediates division as Technical Manager of Production at the company's operating site in Geismar, Louisiana. Two years later, he became Marketing Manager for BASF's regional Intermediates business in Mount Olive, New Jersey.

In 2000, Peter returned to Ludwigshafen to take on the role of Vice President of New Business Development for the global Chemical Intermediates division. In 2002, he joined BASF's Crop Protection unit as Senior Vice President of Global Research and Development, based in Limburgerhof, Germany. From 2009 to 2014, he served as President of BASF Plant Science Research in RTP, North Carolina.

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